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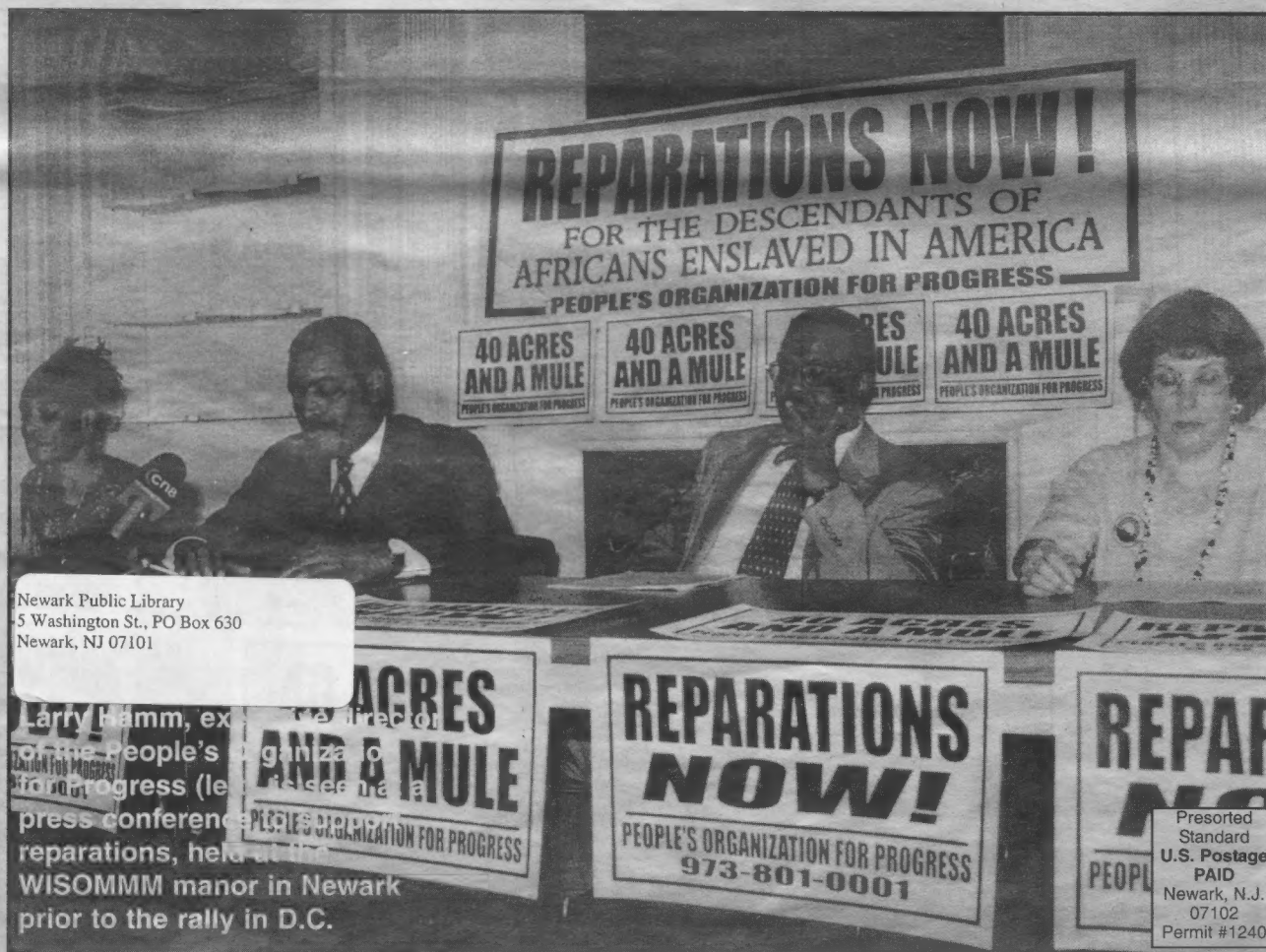
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Larry Hamm, executive director of the People's Organization for Progress (left), speaks at a press conference on reparations, held at the WISOMMM manor in Newark prior to the rally in D.C.

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Smoking Rebels - REBEL (Reaching Everyone By Exposing Lies) members Tyshanah McNair (top left), 16, East Orange; and Nafi Davis, 14, Newark were part of a team that collected more than 800 cigarette butts at Liberty State Park as part of a year long public awareness information campaign called "Spare the Air - It's What We Breathe".



Graduation Day — Ronald I. Paige, State Director of the United Negro College Fund, delivered the Commencement Address to Gibbs College's Class of 2001. The ceremony for the 445 graduates, was held at the South Mountain Arena in West Orange.

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Curious Observer

Noticeably absent from the Amistad Legislation signing at the Newark Museum was our City administration and City Council. It's important during this time that all Newarkers show their support and pride for African American initiatives of this type that lead to progress for the black community and enlightenment for children of all races and creeds.

On that note, many commented that the only detail missing during the historic signing ceremony of the Amistad legislation was a hearty chant of "Reparations Now."

What is wrong with the state attorney general's office saying that asking the Monmouth County Prosecutor's office to run the Keansburg Police Department is a "takeover." It is a state takeover and rightly so. Let's call things as they really are.

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Editorial

Arena pluses exceed basketball and hockey

For all those people who don't quite understand the significance of bringing a world class major league sports arena to Newark, we do not only believe it ranks with the other important issues that face our city but can actually impact positively on those issues in the short term, and most definitely long term.

An arena means building up and improving a substantial tract of land in Newark. Jobs will result from the construction of the arena as well as the other improvements critical to the development.

This includes improved streets, buildings, new transportation hubs and as we have seen new housing and retail establishments which have already commenced. More small businesses will bring additional goods and services into the community. With those small businesses, there's a result of more jobs.

The arena would create tax ratable even though it may not come from the arena itself, but again from the type of businesses that will develop because of it. Hotels would be attracted to the city. Larger retail shops would blend in with the existing shops. This means Newark will become a "destination city", a place where people want to come and have another reason for coming. The New Jersey Performing Arts Center has proven that. An arena in Newark will further enhance that destination attraction.

With the arena here, our children in Newark can become proud of living in a flourishing city. Senior citizens can walk around in the city that they have held onto for so long, and enjoy vibrant new restaurants, mini-parks, and improved city services.

It means that maybe Newark can help bring together the younger generation who are looking for a more exciting lifestyle, regardless to their race and ethnicity.

And last it will mean that maybe we can watch the Nets and Devils kick butt.

Georgia's Cynthia McKinney: Gone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

By Ron Walters

There were many reasons why Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney from the 4th District of Georgia was defeated by another black woman, Denise Majette, a judge from her district in a hard fought campaign, but the most prominent one highlighted by the media was the influx of Jewish financial support for her opponent. Majette raised about \$1.1 million for her campaign, mostly from sources outside of the state, which gave her the ability to campaign on an even footing with Cynthia McKinney. McKinney raised more than \$600,000, but it was the combination of a set of factors that were important.

McKinney really lost because there were too many black people in her district who sat at home, afraid of her bold views or indifferent because there were two black women running. The problem is that there are differences between the two candidates: McKinney is bold, maybe even too bold for someone in the

South in a black-minority district.

Either that is what the voters truly wanted, or McKinney in her 10 years in office did not build a strong base of campaign workers who were loyal to her politics. She also lost because of a strong cross-over vote by Republicans. Someone or some group mounted a taped message campaign to warn voters that cross-over voting was illegal, when it was not. This angered many Republicans who picked up Democratic ballots and voted against McKinney, who had already said enough to fire up this sector in any case when she raised questions about what George Bush knew beforehand about the Al Qaeda attack. The combination weak Democratic base and strong cross-over vote by Republicans was enough to sink her reelection bid.

Then, something strange happened. While most of the black Atlanta civil rights and political establishment supported McKinney, Andrew Young, former congressman, U. N. Ambassador

and mayor, suddenly withdrew his endorsement. Young explained that his endorsement of McKinney in the previous election was not meant for this one. But what signal was he sending? Did he really want her to loose? You can bank on McKinney to revisit this issue in the future and maybe even in public.

What happened to McKinney has proven the point that often you can bring in any number of high-profile people and it will have little effect on the outcome of an election if people are truly turned off. This loss will soul-searching in the future and perhaps might lead to better methods of keeping the fast-growing black affluent areas surrounding the city "in the loop." Whether the loss of Cynthia McKinney will result in a net loss to the black community remains to be seen. Nevertheless, the way in which both Majette and Arthur Davis, Hilliard's opponent in Alabama, won their elections should raise serious questions for the black community.

Taking care of business in municipal courts

By Rhinold Lamar Ponder, Esq.

In New Jersey, some view the municipal courts as the "People's Court" because there you find regular people with a wide variety of problems. In most municipal courts, the atmosphere seems relaxed, and more people represent themselves than hire high-priced Calhouns or Cochrans, but it is a mistake to treat any of the nearly 533 municipal courts like a television court room.

A defendant can easily make a situation worse or better by how he or she approaches the court. The judges and prosecutors take their representation of the community very seriously and are prone to treat those who show the system respect with more deference.

Although it is unconscionable that too many of the courtrooms around the state have a disproportionate number of black and Latino defendants, even in predominantly white communities, a person facing charges must be very careful to focus on his or her particular circumstances, not on the perceived racism of the system unless that racism is blatant enough to wipe out any guilt.

As African-Americans, frequently mistreated by the judicial system, often

believe there is a silent conspiracy to incarcerate or penalize us. Sometimes we're right. However, many times we are witnessing a system which requires a modicum of cooperation between all parties for it to work efficiently over the long haul. Racism started outside the courtroom is easily, even when not intentionally, promoted inside the court.

Still, in municipal court there are certain things you should know and do to increase your probability of success in the system. First, the vast majority of the judges look to be fair to all parties and have an eye for moving cases swiftly, and treating parties as fairly as possible within the context of an overburdened system.

Second, a judge's very first task is to let you know your rights and to advise those who want or need attorneys to get them. If jail time is involved, the judge will strongly urge a defendant to get an attorney. This is a big hint to how you might reduce penalties, cost and the amount of time wasted on defending yourself. Certainly where the prosecutor or the judge has discretion, a well-prepared and respected attorney can be a benefit in most cases.

Next, look your best. It certainly

communicates how seriously you take your visit to municipal court. Perception is critical. Judges and prosecutors in municipal court must make judgments about you in a split moment to determine your sincerity and position in the community. Individuals who appear to be good, productive citizens, unlikely to be in court again are more likely to enjoy the benefits of judicial and prosecutorial discretion than defendants with pants falling from the hip or with clear attitude problems.

Fifth, make sure you understand your charges and be ready to defend your position with all the relevant evidence at your disposal. Trials are usually held after guilty pleas are accepted, adjournments are granted and prosecutors have spoken to most attorneys, defendants and police officers. If you know your charges and your evidence well, where prosecutors have discretion, they will often accept a plea to a lesser charge or may be convinced to dismiss the matter, if the police officer involved agrees. How you treat the "People's Court" and the people in it may make a big difference in points, costs, fines and penalties. Remember "Justice is Business" in municipal court.

Racism in prison? Just don't do the crime

By R.D. Davis

Racism is blamed for just about everything negative involving blacks. The debilitating effect of this is that it doesn't afford us the motivation to look inward and work to find effective solutions to our race's problems. It's easier to just holler "Hey, look over yonder" than look right here.

That's what is happening with the implication that racism is the reason for the disproportionate number of blacks in prison. Those who consider the fact that one-half of the murders in America are committed by blacks (mostly male and black-on-black) could easily conclude that blacks commit disproportionately high rates of other types of crime. Notice

that bars also guard homes, businesses and even churches in some of our neighborhoods. Those who are suffering are law abiding, poor blacks who cannot afford to escape those crime infested neighborhoods. But the media and our so called black leaders seem to be more concerned about the welfare of black criminals than about the safety of average citizens.

Am I missing something here? As someone who has read several books on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement, I don't remember anyone in the past fighting for the civil rights of hardened criminals of any race.

Besides, why are we demonizing the criminal justice system instead of those who commit the crimes? After all, the

law abiding citizens whom the crimes are perpetrated against are the victims, not the criminals. Moreover, I think this is a moral issue rather than a racial one. Can I hear some amens from the ministers out there?

Secular humanists, the media and black liberals are giving our black youth excuses for committing crimes. They won't admit the high number of blacks in prison is a moral issue. Neither would they admonish the advice "If you don't want to do the time, don't do the crime." No, that would be too simple.

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Study shows economic expectations 'gender gap'

MONTCLAIR — When it comes to confidence in the future of New Jersey's economy, a wide gender gap exists between men and women.

That's one of the findings from the fifth poll commissioned by Montclair-based Gibbs College, the results of which were recently released.

While overall, 34 percent of 800 randomly queried New Jersey residents said the state's economy would improve over the next few years, fully 40 percent of all men polled are optimistic. Women, however, are much less confident — only 29 percent of them foresee economic improvement.

"According to these findings, men drive economic optimism throughout New Jersey," says Mary-Jo Greco, president of Gibbs College. "On the other hand, it appears that women are

decidedly more cautious."

This trend also holds true in the different regions of the state. In the New Jersey's eight northernmost counties (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Union and Warren), 42 percent of men surveyed are looking forward to improving economic conditions, while only 33 percent of women are so positive.

In the six central counties, (Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset), the gender divide in economic expectations is a particularly wide 16 percent. In the northern counties, 42 percent of men expect better times.

The overall Gibbs College Poll also found that, statewide, 68 percent of residents expect that the economy will either improve or stay the same. In this regard as well, men were more upbeat than

women — by a full 8 percent — 72 percent versus 64 percent.

Regarding that 68 percent statewide figure of all respondents who said New Jersey's economy would do no worse than stay the same over the next few years, the numbers for the individual regions varied. In the north, the figure was 70 percent, with 37 percent of those expecting an improvement.

Residents of the central counties were the least optimistic overall, with only 63 percent being confident that the economy would do no worse than remain unchanged. Of these, however, 34 percent foresee an improvement.

Those living in southern New Jersey were the least optimistic about an improvement — only 28 percent — but overall 71 percent of them expect that the economy will at least remain the same.

Gender Gap in Economic Expectations
(New Jersey's economy over the next few years)

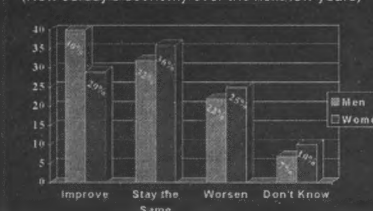


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NEWARK CITY COUNCIL APPROVES \$165-MILLION ARENA FUNDING

Newark - The YankeeNets organization was encouraged last week by a Newark City council voted to extract \$165 million from the new Newark International Airport lease to help finance the arena project proposed for Newark. The new airport lease would bring \$265 million to the city.

WHITE HOUSE SEEKS TO LIFT SMALL BIZ REGULATORY BURDENS

WASHINGTON - President George W. Bush delivered on a major piece of his Small Business Plan recently by signing an Executive Order that requires federal agencies, when writing new rules and regulations, to implement policies protecting small businesses. The order requires all federal agencies, including independent agencies, to submit within 90 days to the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) their plans on how they account for small business in their rulemaking process. Agencies have 180 days to execute these plans and must consider Advocacy's comments on their effectiveness prior to implementation.

MICRO-BUSINESS LOANS UP TEN PERCENT IN 2001

WASHINGTON, D.C. - American banks increased their micro-business loans by 10% in 2001, according to "Micro-Business Friendly Banks In The United States", a report issued today by the Office of Advocacy of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). The report, designed to help small firms in their search for capital, identifies banks in each state that are micro-business-friendly in their lending of amounts under \$100,000. To view the complete report visit: www.sba.gov/advo/stats or call (202) 205-6530.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC GROWTH ANNOUNCES CONFERENCE

TRENTON — The New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission will hold its 2002 New Jersey Conference on Economic Development on Friday, September 6 at the East Brunswick Hilton from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Secretary of Commerce William D. Watley announced recently. Organized by NJ Commerce in partnership with the New Jersey Economic Development Authority, Prosperity New Jersey and the Economic Development Association of New Jersey, hundreds of business, governmental and community leaders are expected to attend the one-day conference.

NJ REBATE CHECKS SCHEDULED TO RESUMED DELIVERY IN SEPT

TRENTON — Governor James E. McGreevey and Treasurer John E. McCormac announced last week that the Division of Taxation will begin mailing the 2001 NJ SAVER rebate checks to approximately 1.2 million eligible homeowners beginning Tuesday, September 3. "Despite a \$6.1 billion deficit, we balanced the State budget and made property tax relief a top priority," said Governor McGreevey. "We succeeded in preserving NJ SAVER, Homestead Rebates, the Senior Property Tax Freeze and the Veterans Property Tax Deduction. Trenton). The Department of Treasury learned earlier in the week that NJ SAVER checks, dated September 3, were inadvertently sent out with some Homestead Rebate Program checks. An estimated 1.2 million checks are due to be mailed in early September. Residents who may have received their NJ SAVER checks at this time are free to cash or deposit them, but should first consult with their financial institution, as policies for post-dated checks may vary.

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Hepatitis B is a disease of the liver caused by the hepatitis B virus. Hepatitis B can affect anyone, and each year in the United States more than 200,000 people of all ages become infected. This means that, in the United States, 1 individual out of 20 will become infected in their lifetime. Some persons who become infected never get rid of the virus and are at risk of developing cirrhosis (scarring) of the liver and liver cancer. Each year, about 5,000 persons will die as a result of this chronic (long-lasting) disease.

However, the good news is that a vaccine is available to prevent hepatitis B, and it is strongly endorsed by medical and public health experts as safe and effective. All children aged 0-18 years should receive the 3-dose series of hepatitis B vaccine. Many states require hepatitis B vaccination before school entry. Visit the Immunization Action Coalition website which features a list of hepatitis B vac-

cination requirements by state.

Vaccines for Children (VFC), a federal vaccination program, provides routinely recommended vaccines free of charge to children up through 18 years of age. One of the most effective ways to protect the health and well being of your loved ones is to be sure they receive the vaccines they need.

Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/vfc/> to find out if your child is eligible to use VFC funds. Children may also need hepatitis A vaccine.

Hepatitis A vaccine is recommended for children aged 2 years and older in communities with consistently increased rates of hepatitis A and periodic outbreaks of hepatitis A. Check with your health care professional to see if you reside in any of these areas.

Remember, vaccination is a very important part of your child's health care. Be sure to add hepatitis B vaccination and possibly hepatitis A vaccination to your "Back to School" list!

Minority students: Are too many placed in special ed?

NAPS — Look at many of our special education classes, and you will notice something differential lot of students are from diverse backgrounds. High numbers of African American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian students are placed in classes for the learning disabled, educable mentally handicapped and emotionally disturbed.

According to a recent Harvard study, African American children are almost three times as likely as Caucasian children to be identified as mentally retarded.

The Council for Exceptional Children, along with other groups, has long been concerned about this phenomenon. CEC is also concerned about the low numbers of students from diverse backgrounds who are assigned to gifted and talented programs.

"To eliminate the inappropriate placement of children from diverse backgrounds in special education is of utmost importance," says Nancy D. Safer, CEC's executive director. "To ensure this practice does not continue, we must

look at general and special education practices as well as provide funding for strategies to help at risk students in early childhood."

To eliminate misplacement of minority children in special education, CEC recommends:

- Implement intervention strategies for at risk students in general education classes. This should prevent students from diverse backgrounds from being inappropriately referred to special education as well as their misclassification as disabled.

- Ensure teachers use culturally sensitive materials and instructional strategies.

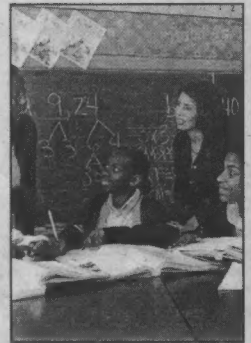
- Prepare, recruit and retain qualified teachers from culturally diverse groups.

- Provide full funding for high quality early childhood intervention programs that focus on children who are at risk, such as Head Start.

CEC also recommends that Congress implement these recommendations in the coming year as part of its reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, the law affecting special education.

CEC has also called for the U.S. Department of Education to create a task force to study misplacement of minority students in special education, recommend ways to improve educational practice, and disseminate the information.

CEC is the largest professional organization committed to improving educational outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities. For more information about this issue, visit www.cec.sped.org.



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Health Briefs

Officials warn 300,000 Africans could die of hunger in coming months

Hunger and malnutrition, exacerbated by HIV, malaria and other diseases, threaten to claim the lives of as many as 300,000 people in southern Africa over the next six months alone, public health officials warn. The prediction comes from a meeting of officials from United Nations agencies and 10 regional governments in Zimbabwe this week. World Health Organization leader Gro-Garlem Brundtland said the spread of disease, combined with declining health services, has resulted in a lack of food for 14 million people across southern Africa, the Associated Press reports. Zimbabwe officials said in their country alone, nearly half of the population of 12.5 million need immediate help getting enough food. Among them are 1.6 million children under the age of 5. The meeting precedes the World Summit on Sustainable Development, which is to be held next month in neighboring South Africa.

Early test for diabetes in pregnancy found reliable

Screening women for gestational diabetes in the second trimester of pregnancy can accurately spot the condition, a new report suggests. Researchers say such early screening could lead to earlier treatment and, potentially, a lower risk of med-

ical complications for both mother and baby. Currently, women are screened for the condition in the third trimester because physicians believe a later test is more accurate. However, a blood test taken in the 16th week of pregnancy identified 24 of the 25 women in the new study who had gestational diabetes, researchers report in the August issue of the Journal of Reproductive Medicine. Gestational diabetes is a temporary condition in which a pregnant woman fails to produce enough insulin to keep her blood glucose (sugar) in check. Source: Reuters Health.

Exercise may lower blood vessel inflammation

Exercise has long been known to cut the risk of heart disease, and now the results of a new study show it may do so, in part, by reducing inflammation inside blood vessels. Levels of C-reactive protein (CRP), a compound that is used to gauge inflammation in the body, were lower among study participants who reported the most physical activity. The body releases CRP as part of its response to infection and injury. During infection, blood CRP levels temporarily soar as the immune system jumps into action. More subtly, chronic CRP elevations have been linked to an increased risk of heart disease and type 2 diabetes, and inflammation is believed to play a key role in the hardening and narrowing of arteries that can lead to heart attack and stroke.

Thousands demand reparations at national rally

by Lloyd Williams

WASHINGTON—On Saturday, August 17th thousands of black people from all over the country assembled in front of the US Capitol in Washington, D.C. to listen to speaker after speaker make the case for reparations for the descendants of slaves. Starting shortly after noon, dozens of speakers took turns addressing the very enthusiastic crowd outfitted in everything from t-shirts emblazoned with "Slave Detox Unit" to authentic African garb.

The festivities were moderated by Viola Plummer, the National Coordinator of Millions for Reparations, the organization which sponsored the event. And Ms. Plummer was assisted in this endeavor by DJ Bev Smith, WBAI's Bob Law and Ayinde Jean-Baptiste. After a ritual invoking the approval of the spirits of the ancestors and an inspired rendition of Lift Every Voice and Sing (the Negro National Anthem), Dr. Conrad Worrill, the Chairman of the Black United Front was the first to take the stage.

Though billed as a people's march featuring "no stars" because "the usual suspects aren't going to speak," a number of very well-known faces did weigh-in on the incendiary issue. Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan argued that since the victims of September 11 have been allowed to sue Saudi Arabia for trillions in Federal Court, then African-Americans also ought to be allowed to sue for damages due to centuries of involuntary servitude.

Congressman John Conyers (D-Michigan) urged people to contact their representatives to make their positions known. Conyers also suggested that President George W. Bush belonged in prison for stealing the Presidential election and criticized him for pulling the US out of last year's Racism Conference in Durban, South Africa.

Other politicians in attendance included Illinois State Senator Don Trotter from Chicago, Washington, DC council member Sandy Allen and Manhattan council member Charles Barron from Brooklyn. Mr. Trotter led the crowd in the popular call-and-response chant: "What do we want?" "Reparations!" "When do we want it?" "Now!"

Religious leaders of all denominations took part, such as veteran Brooklyn activist Reverend Herbert Daughtry of the House of the Lord Church, Prince Israel of the Nation of

Israel who indicted DC as "the citadel of white supremacy"

other Philadelphia-based concerns seemed ill-timed even if

Bobbi Humphrey, a Marcus Garvey impersonator, poets

Americans, gave an impromptu status report on the landmark case. Reparationists Mark Thompson and Dorothy Lewis Benton, both of N'Cobra, also weighed in on their organization's efforts. And Ken Bridges of the Matah Network, in his emotional address, made a distinction between internal as opposed to external reparations.

Activist Hannibal Afrik of Port Gibson, Mississippi, Ameli Bendelli of Men on the Move and Larry Holmes of the International Center took their turns to talk, too. Plus, every effort was made to give the next generation podium time, such as young newcomers like Mauli Davis of Chicago, Illinois and Nickelle Gibson of Plainfield, New Jersey. Ron Daniels, President of the Institute of the Black World, was the very last of the long list of speakers, and those attendees who waited around for his pearls of wisdom found his insights worth a rousing cheer.

In New Jersey, People's Organization for Progress chairman Larry Hamm was joined by plaintiff Richard E. Barber Sr. at a press conference prior to and in support of Reparations Rally in Washington D.C. Another separate rally in support of reparations the prior week. Hamm announced their support of not only reparations but also their support for reparations bill H.R. 40 which would establish a commission to examine "the lingering negative effects of the institutions of slavery on living African Americans and on the United States in general."

Bella August, a Caucasian member of POP, encouraged whites to support reparations for African Americans. She compared the history of her family to that of blacks.

"My grandparents came as immigrants and they were only limited by what they could afford. We benefited from that whole system that put blacks in subordinate positions. If we have money to invest in war than we should also reinvest in our communities."

Barber, who filed a lawsuit last May against New York Life Insurance, Brown Brothers Harriman & Company and Norfolk Southern for profiting from slavery, was adamant.

"I am convinced that no opposition formed against this cause shall prosper," Barber said. "I have heard reparations compared to welfare. Welfare is an entitlement based on citizenship and need. Reparations is a debt."

Rachelle Wilson, a Newark freelance writer contributed to this story.



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Reparations supporters marched through Washington, D.C. neighborhoods enroute to the rally.



Photo courtesy of William E. Frazier

The Hon. Louis Farrakhan delivers speech on the Washington Mall during the Rally for Reparations.

and Minister Ishmael Muhammad of the Nation of Islam. Mr. Muhammad suggested that, "Our power rests in our ability to unite as a people. No people have ever realized their freedom without leadership. We must have strong, bold, spiritual, uncompromising leaders to forge the way."

MOVE's Pam Afrika's blistering, expletive-laced attack on Pennsylvania politicians over Mumia Abu-Jamal and

thoroughly entertaining.

Other speakers with more personal agendas were Malik Shabazz, Chairman of the New Black Panther Party who called for a moment of silence for the late Khalid Muhammad, and musician Bilal Sunni-Ali who made a plea for support for convicted murderer Jamil Abdullah Al-Amin (H. Rap Brown) and some other political prisoners.

Between orators, entertainment was provided by flutist

Firestarter and Louis Reyes Rivera, rappers the Divine Hip-Hop Project, and poet Bababdaga accompanied by the Unknown Diva. Writer Imamu Amiri Baraka was introduced but did not address the throng. An author who did speak though was Camille Yarbrough.

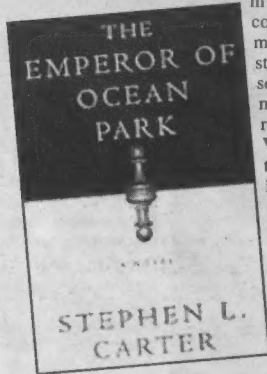
Deadria Farmer-Paellman, the attorney and plaintiff in a class action reparations suit currently filed in Federal court on behalf of 35 million African-

The Emperor of Ocean Park

Review by Kam Williams

"I was glad to have the Vineyard house, a tidy little Victorian on Ocean Park in the town of Oak Bluffs, with lots of frilly carpenter's Gothic along the sagging porch and a loving morning view of the white band shell set amidst a vast sea of smooth green grass and outlined against a vaster sea of bright blue water. My parents liked to tell how they bought the house for a song back in the sixties, when Martha's Vineyard, and the black

middle-class colony that summers there, were still smart and secret. Later, in my father's oft-repeated view, the Vineyard had tumbled downhill, for it was crowded and noisy and, besides, they let everyone in now, by which he meant black people less well off than we."



Prologue, The Emperor of Ocean Park—

In 1999, Lawrence Otis Graham, a Harvard-trained, African-American attorney, wrote *Our Kind of People*, a controversial expose' blowing

Emperor of Ocean Park

written by Stephen L. Carter
published by Alfred A. Knopf
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actively privileged social class, insider Graham was already afforded the access needed to produce a provocative profile of that secretive set, a group he indicted as primarily preoccupied with pedigree, money and status.

His book spoke openly of a fascinating, sepiat world of doctors, lawyers and other professionals who sent their kids to the right boarding schools, the right sleep-away camps and who vacationed at the right places. Places like Martha's Vineyard, which serves as the setting for *The Emperor of Ocean Park*, the debut novel by Stephen Carter, an African-American attorney from just such a prominent family.

Carter, a Professor of Law at Yale University for twenty years, has written seven non-fiction works on legal and political philosophy. *The Emperor of Ocean Park*, however, is the fictional equivalent of *Our Kind of People*. Though billed as a murder mystery and chock-full of chess-related asides, I found the book to be most valuable as an entre' to the black bourgeois mind-set. For the author devotes more of his efforts to delineating this unique perspective, than to the underlying whodunit.

the cover off the hard to penetrate world of this country's black elite. As a member of this virtually unseen, yet rel-

I probably ought to admit that I was once friends with author, though years ago. I was then in college at Cornell and his father was a dean at the school. At the time, Stephen was in high school, but well-known on campus as a chess prodigy, which was the basis of our acquaintance. Despite my own decent game, I still remember that he beat me soundly and routinely.

As a novelist, Carter proves himself a skilled craftsman when it comes to turning a raw emotion into a comprehensible phrase, such as when his protagonist describes his angst at ostracism by colleagues in this manner: "I am struck by the sense that there is a white law school social circle that whirls around me so fast that I discern it only in tiny glimpses." Yet the same character acknowledges his equal alienation from his own people with, "I pass a gaggle of beggars, all members of the darker nation, to each of whom I give a dollar-paying guilt money."

Nonetheless, *The Emperor of Ocean Park*, weighing in at a hefty 661 pages is likely to prove to be somewhat of a slow burn for anyone expecting a compelling crime-caper. That tale takes way too long to develop and the resolution is unsatisfactory, to say the least. But if you're at all interested in an astute observation of the black upper-crust, here it is, warts and all. For the Garlands, the mythical family at the center of the story is an old, African-American family with the money, the education, the ambiguities, and yes, the home on The Vineyard.

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Nappy Roots — Country boys from the Dirty South

"When you think of Nappy, you think raw and untame," says Nappy Roots member Scales, explaining the hip-hop unique moniker. "But you also think pure and natural." "That's what we are," chimes in partner in rhyme, Skinny Deville. "Our name signifies our unwillingness to conform with fads. Once the fads die out, you always come back to the roots."

As for the group's roots, they trace back to Western Kentucky University, 1995. Comprised of the Kentucky-bred Skinny Deville, B. Stille, Ron Clutch, and Big V. along with Oakland's R. Prophet and Milledgeville, Georgia's own Scales, the group was drawn together by a simple love of music.

While carving out their own unique niche, the group parlayed their hustling instincts into a number of early entrepreneurial ventures including the Nappy Roots T-shirts that quickly became the hottest selling item on the WKU campus. However, their biggest venture came via the local ET's Music record shop (with ET short for ER'Things Tight). It was at ET's, which also doubled as a production studio, where the six would musically take shape with each Nappy Roots member bringing their own distinct flavor to the mix.

"You'd think it would be hard to get six guys moving in the same direction, but that's something more people bring to our attention than we actually think about ourselves," says Skinny Deville. "We just be kickin' it, doing what we doing and not really thinking about the fact that okay, it's six people." It's a matter of give and take."

Of course, the Nappy Roots creative formula has been paying off for years now, giving rise to an underground following courted through tantalizingly belligerent flows, intuitive hood analysis, and Pamela beats. Created and sold at ET's, the Nappy Roots 1998 indie album, "Country Fried Cess," flew off the retail shelves from the word go. In fact, NR garnered such a tremendous buzz with the album that representatives from Atlantic Records soon came knocking.

Even though they'll get their first chance to speak to the masses later this year with their Atlantic Records debut, "Watermelon, Chicken, and Griz," don't expect to see the men of Nappy Roots

blinding you with oversized ice anytime soon. As they're quick to point out, flossing is not their style. They're much happier with the simple things in life. "We're trying to make people realize that it's good to just be you," says Skinny Deville, who, along with his five other mic cohorts, rhymes about "ballin' on a budget." "That's essentially what Nappy Roots is about. We're glamorizing being average."

"You ain't gotta be country to understand it," says Big V. of the album's title and overarching themes. "Our music is just like those foods fresh... of the earth, of the soul." "We're not worried. Our music speaks for itself."



Nappy Roots: Big V, Scales, R. Prophet, Skinny Deville & Ron Clutch

Wesley Snipes and Ving Rhames Rumble in Unimaginative 'Undisputed'

In order for a boxing movie to work, it needs to revolve around an against-the-odds underdog an audience would reflexively root for. Remember how you absolutely pulled for Rocky (1976) every step of the way in the classic fight flick which kick started the genre? Rocky Balboa's endearing vulnerability was a critical reason why that otherwise formulaic film won the Oscar for Best Picture.

The absence of any vulnerability is what makes Undisputed so unbearable by comparison, reducing this unimaginative Rocky in blackface to little more than a soulless rip off. Almost identically constructed, the film irritatingly telegraphs its every punch. It stars Wesley Snipes and Irving 'Ving' Rhames as convicted felons on a collision course. For both murderer Monroe Hutchen (Snipes) and rapist George 'Iceman' Chambers (Rhames) are heavy-weight boxers and both are undefeated.

Monroe is a resigned lifer who has racked up his impressive record behind bars while the arrogant Iceman is the reigning World Champion. As the movie opens, the recently convicted Iceman is shown arriving by helicopter at Sweetwater, a maximum-security facility in the middle of the sweltering Mojave Desert. Inside, he and Monroe immediately engage in an impromptu shoving match, each being infected with a terminal case of that swaggering, stereotypical braggadocio one associates with

the predators who predominate the prison population.

So, it is only natural, the film suggests, that the two would want to square-off in an unsanctioned title fight to determine who's the toughest tough guy in stripes. That's the premise so artlessly executed by writer/director Walter Hill, the same Walter Hill who once exhibited such promise twenty years ago when he made 48 Hours with Eddie Murphy and Nick Nolte. But it's been all downhill for him ever since, as the director has degenerated into a Hollywood hack who has no problem churning out derivative crap like Undisputed year after year.

Worse, Hill is willing to trade in the most insulting stereotypes in service of his purloined plotline. Here, blacks take the brunt of the abuse. For instance, the prevailing tone set by the movie is that a stint in prison is an expected, macho rite of passage for African-American males. Witness this line uttered by a character named Marvin, played by MTV veejay Ed Lover, "If I knew I had to go to jail to see a fight like this, I would have committed a



crime a long time ago." How stupid can a man get?

Even stupider, for in another scene, Marvin gleefully spells respect: "R-E-S-P-E-C-T!" Given the culturally imbedded signature hook of the song by Aretha Franklin, it is the height of mean-spirited hubris for director Hill to have an African-American still misspell that word. And the protagonists aren't portrayed as any brighter. The movie suggests that these strangers have an animalistic urge to punch each other silly simply to be the king of the jungle.

Meanwhile, it falls to conniving, clever Mendy Ripstein (Peter Falk), to come up with the idea of profiting from their primitive pugilism.

It's god-awful! Poor (0 stars)

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Entertainment News

— Kim Bowman, City News



Tamyra Gray — ex American Idol gets management contract

Despite being booted from the pop-contest show American Idol, Tamyra Gray, the power-voiced former Miss Atlanta, is the first aspiring Idol to score a management contract. Ennis' 19 Entertainment has contractual agreements with the 10 finalists that allow him to represent the stars-in-training if he chooses. Gray is Ennis' first pick, although he tells USA Today he will sign others, including the eventual winner. He has time. The agreements allow him up to three months after the final September 4 episode to make a decision.

Bill Clinton — the next Oprah?

Whatever the reason, it seems Bill Clinton is once again entertaining the idea of becoming a daytime taskmaster, according to published reports recently.

Hollywood trade paper Daily Variety reports that syndication giant King World and CBS are "pursuing" a show with the former president described as a cross between Oprah and Nightline. While King World and CBS reps declined to comment, Variety quotes unnamed sources saying the syndicator ideally would begin distributing the Bubba show via CBS-owned stations in fall 2003. But to make it happen, the former White House dweller would have to agree to do the five-day-a-week show by next month.

Bernie Mac is out to prove that his self-titled Fox sitcom "wasn't a fluke."

Mac says he's "ready, whatever time, whatever place, whatever day" he can repeat the success of his first season. "I did know we had a good show. I did know we had a show of substance. I did know we had a show of quality. And I was just proud of that. And if you keep working on the ingredients to make a perfect soup like that the rest will come by itself," Mac tells AP Radio. "The Bernie Mac Show" is about a stand up comedian who suddenly becomes a father when he takes custody of his sister's three children.

The stand-up comic turned actor says he thinks people appreciate how closely his show resembles real life. "I can't do fictitious stories. I can't sit there and do make believe," the 44-year-old actor said. "And I think that is what people like about the show is honesty."

LEGALS and CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY SOLICITS COMMENTS ON ITS PROPOSED OVERALL GOAL FOR PARTICIPATION OF DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES IN PORT AUTHORITY AIRPORT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

In accordance with 49 CFR 26.45(g)(2), The Port Authority of NY & NJ hereby announces its proposed overall goal for participation of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) in Port Authority construction contracts that qualify for funding under the United States Department of Transportation Airport Financial Assistance Programs. This notice is mandated by federal regulations which were issued on February 2, 1999 and became effective on March 4, 1999 (64 Fed. Reg. 5096).

Those regulations require that entities that receive DOT financial assistance establish an overall goal for participation by DBEs in DOT-assisted contracts and also require that recipients that seek approval by DOT of their overall DBE goal must seek public participation and comment on such goal. The Port Authority, in compliance with these regulatory requirements, has proposed the adoption of an Overall DBE Goal of 17% for fiscal year 2003. The goal was derived by projecting the likely availability of DBEs ready, willing and able to perform work on DOT assisted contracts with the agency in the upcoming fiscal year after an examination of minority, women and disadvantaged business participation in similar contracts during 2001 and 2002. Additionally, the Port Authority has consulted with minority, women and general contractors groups as well as community organizations and other officials which might be expected to have information concerning the availability of disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged businesses, the effects of discrimination on opportunities for DBEs and efforts to establish a level playing field for DBEs.

The proposed goal and rationale are now available for inspection by members of the public until September 30th between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM at the Newark Legal Center, One Riverfront Plaza, 9th Floor, Newark, NJ. Those wishing to examine the goal and the methodology may contact Roger Hsu at (973) 565-5512. Also, interested persons may send written comments on this proposed goal and rationale to the Port Authority at The Economic Development Department/Business & Job Opportunity, Newark Legal Center, One Riverfront Plaza, 9th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, Attn: Roger Hsu. Written comments should be received no later than October 15, 2002. Also, the Federal Aviation Administration, on behalf of the Department of Transportation, will be accepting written comments until October 15, 2002 on the Port Authority's goal and rationale at Eastern Region, Office of Civil Rights, AEA-9, 1 Aviation Plaza, Jamaica New York 11434 Attn: Murray Gottlieb.

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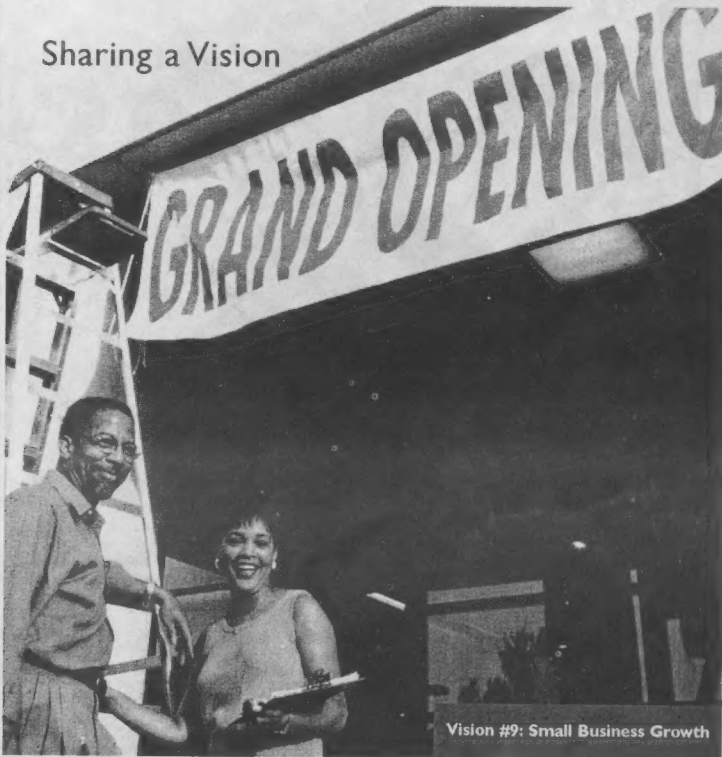
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

New Providence — SHARING holds its 25th Anniversary sale from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., at 1442 Springfield Ave. For info call 908-508-0089.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Newark — The Festival of People annual street fair will focus on human services programs this year, in addition to the traditional activities. The festival be held in the downtown Arts District. Entertainment will include Frankie Negron, Mala Fe, Jazz great Jimmy Scott, the Quest Youth Talent Showcase and Rap Masters 2002. For info call 973-642-2608.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Road to Successful Homeownership workshop from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Mahwah — Ramapo College's NJ Convocation features a lecture by Julian Bond, chairman of the NAACP at 4:00 p.m. in the Athletic Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road. For info call 201-684-7603.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Creative Writing workshop from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. To register call 908-753-7364.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Newark — The Council for Higher Education (CHEN), City of Newark and State of New Jersey host the Second Annual Summit on the Development of University/Business Partnerships, 7:30 a.m. at UMDNJ, 65 Bergen St. For info call 973-972-6364.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Plainfield — Faith, Bricks & Mortar, Inc. hosts a Small Business NJ Tax Workshop from 9:00 a.m. to noon, at the United Trust Community Education Center, 2098 W. Second St. For info call 908-753-7364.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — The Women's Housing Initiative hosts an educational event at 2:00 p.m., at Essex County College, 303 University Ave. For info call 973-643-8800.

Business

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Paterson — The Small Business

Administration holds a Business Finance Seminar at William Paterson University SBDC, 131 Ellison St., from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For info call 973-754-8695.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

East Brunswick — The NJ Commerce & Economic Growth Commission sponsors a 2002 NJ Conference on Economic Development from 8:00 a.m. at the East Brunswick Hilton. For info call 609-777-0885.

Newark — A small business Government Contracting workshop will be held at NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 10:00 a.m. For info call 973-596-3105.

TUES, SEPTEMBER 10

Bridgewater — The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce hosts a business card exchange 5:30p.m at the Redwood Inn, 1475 Mountain Top Road. For info call 908-725-1552.

WED., SEPTEMBER 11

Washington — The National Newspapers Publishers Association (NNPA) hosts a tribute to 175 years of Journalism at Union Station. For information visit: www.blackpressusa.com.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Newark — The Greater Newark Business Development Consortium hosts a Purchasing, Inventory Management, and Enterprise Resource Management workshop from 8:30 a.m. - 12:20 a.m. at the Regional Business Partnership Conference Center, 744 Board St., 26th Fl. Call 973-242-5560.

Newark — The NJ Society for Marketing Professional Services sponsors a workshop on the NJEDA's School Construction Program at 8:00 a.m., NJIT Gallery in West Hall. For info call 973-539-5353.

Trenton — A small business Government Contracting workshop will be held at NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 10:00 a.m. For info call 609-343-4845.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Newark — The Small Business Administration holds a workshop on Starting and Managing Your Own Business at The SBA office, 2 Gateway Center, 25th fl., from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register call 973-645-2434.

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Basking Ridge — A procurement workshop for Veteran-Owned Businesses will be held at NJIT Defense Procurement Center at 8:00 a.m. Call 908-527-1166.

Iselin — A Software Licensing Seminar will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sheraton at Woodbridge Place. For info call 973-379-4800.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

September 11 Worship Commemoration — Rev. William D. Watley and the St. James A.M.E. Church of Newark hosts a commemorative worship service, "Remembering September 11 in Prayer" at the NJPAC beginning at 7:00 PM. The service is open to the public at no charge, however tickets are required. For info call St. James at 973-622-1344, ext. 24.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — Rev. Calvin Butts and Robert Zdenek will address the CDC Leadership Conference, from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., in the Paul Robeson Campus Center, at Rutgers. For in call the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, 973-624-6676.

Scotch Plains — The Union County Bar Association hosts its 100 year anniversary Centennial Gala at the Shackamaxon Golf and Country Course. NJ Supreme Court Justices James Coleman and Virginia Long will speak. For information call 908-354-5984.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Newark — The Greater Newark Business Development Consortium 4th Annual GNBDC Collaborative Partners Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., at the Regional Business Partnership Conference Center, 744 Board St., 26th Fl. Call 973-242-4128.

Washington — The National Minority Economic Development Week 2002 Conference will be held from Tuesday thru Friday at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. For information call 877-MED-WEEK.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Newark — The Greater Newark Business Development Consortium 4th Annual GNBDC Collaborative Partners Luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m., at the Regional Business Partnership Conference Center, 744 Board St., 26th Fl. Call 973-242-4128.

Heartbeat

WED., SEPTEMBER 18

Belleville — The Women's Center at Clara Maass offers a Stress Management workshop series for three consecutive Wednesdays, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. For info call 973-450-2890.

Artz

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Newark — The Downtown Summer Breeze Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the salsa sounds of Ivan Ivan, noon to 1:30 p.m., Washington Park, Broad and Washington Streets. The rain date is Thursday.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Newark — The All Jazz Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the sounds of The Jazz Prophets from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Lincoln Park, Broad Street and Clinton Avenue.

Newark — The Recreation Pool Concert, sponsored by the City of Newark continues with the neo-funk sounds of The Third & Jam from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at JFK Recreation Center, 211 West Kinney Street.

FRI, SEPT 13 - SUN, SEPT 29

Newark — African Globe presents "Driving Miss Daisy". For info call 973-624-1584.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Newark — Open auditions for "Amateur Night at the Apollo on Tour" will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Chase Room, NJPAC. For info call 973-642-8989, ext 3105.

THURS, SEPT 19 - SEPT 22

Stanhope — The Ninth Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry festival will be held at the historic Waterloo Village. For info call 973-540-8443.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Newark — A music lab is held every Friday for live bands and unsigned talent. For info call 973-624-1584.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21

Newark — NJPAC Women's Board Spotlight Gala celebrates the sixth NJPAC season with Lionel Richie and basketball legend Willis Reed. For info call 1-888-GO-NJPAC.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

New Brunswick — Debut Management presents a "Gospel Showcase" at the Crossroad Theater. For info call 908-851-0840.

THURS, OCT 3 - SAT, OCT 5

Newark — Newark Symphony Hall presents "A Woman's Revenge" at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday & Friday and 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Saturday. For info call 973-643-8009.

Religion

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Newark — The Newark Museum hosts a town meeting Memorial to September 11 in the Garden of Remembrance from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For info call 973-596-6613. Admission is free.

Perth Amboy — The Cathedral - Second Baptist Church will hold it's services in memory of September 11, 2001, with a concert at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 732-826-5293.

THURS. SEPT 6 - SEPT., 7

Newark — The St. James Christian Learning Center, 588 Martin Luther King Blvd., holds registration for the 2002 Fall Bible Studies series. For info call 973-622-1344, ext. 19.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Newark — Archbishop John J. Myers of Newark celebrates an inter-religious service commemorating the one year anniversary of September 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart. For info call 973-497-4189.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Newark — Registration will be held for the New York Theological Seminary Certificate Program in Christian Ministry to be held at Bethany Baptist Church. For info call 212-870-1211.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Newark — Author Eileen Marx will discuss "Weaving Faith and Family," at UMDNJ, Rosemary Gellene Room (B-15), 185 South Orange Avenue, at noon. For info call 1-800-483-7436.

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Local Briefs

Childhood immunization campaign begins

TRENTON — Health and Senior Services Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy, M.D. recently announced a new public awareness campaign aimed at increasing childhood immunization. "All parents need to know that measles, whooping cough and other childhood diseases are still potential health threats," said Commissioner Lacy. "Free or low-cost vaccines are available locally in most communities, and I urge parents to pursue these services to protect the health of their children."

Rte. 46 construction project is accelerated

TOTOWA—Transportation Commissioner Jamie Fox recently joined several other officials to announce the acceleration of work at the Rte. 46 and Riverview Dr. interchange. The Riverview Dr. Bridge over Rte. 46 is being widened and reconstructed to better facilitate traffic flow and ease congestion. The \$18 million contract was awarded to Railroad Co., of Paterson in July, 2001.

DMV seeks to improve service

TRENTON — The New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles has proposed amendments of regulations pertaining to the enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program.

Copies of the regulatory proposal may be obtained by calling (609) 777-1407. A public hearing concerning this proposal will be held at 10:00 A.M. on September 23 in Trenton.

DOT seeks to readopt construction rules

TRENTON — The New Jersey Department of Transportation is proposing to readopt with amendments the rules governing construction contracts, including eliminating the Claims Review Board.

The public has until October 4, 2002 to comment on the proposal. Persons wishing to comment on the proposal must send written comments to Thomas Thatcher, Bureau of Administrative Practice and Public Law Implementation, Division of Policy via fax by October 4 at (609) 530-3841.

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Garfield Court Administration Building
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Sealed bids for the "On Call" Plaster Repair for the Housing Authority Developments

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive bids by September 18, 2002, at the Administration office of the Housing Authority until 10:00 a.m. At 10:00 a.m. all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids and be submitted either by mail or in person by bidder or his agent. No bids shall be accepted after the designated time.

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "On Call" Plaster Repair.

The information for bidder, form of bid and specification may be reviewed and obtained at the offices of the Long Branch Housing Authority at any time during the regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday starting September 3, 2002. After September 3, 2002 telephone the Long Branch Housing Authority at (732) 222-3747 ext. 110 with any questions.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certification by the bidder regarding equal opportunity employment practice.

The Authority does not obligate itself to accept the lowest bid and reserves the right to waive any information in the bid or to accept or reject any or all bids it deemed in the best interest of the Authority.

Tyrone Garrett
Executive Director

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Sealed bids for the Emergency Electric Repairs for all Housing Authority Developments

The Long Branch Housing Authority shall receive bids by September 18, 2002, at the Administration office of the Housing Authority until 11:00 a.m. At 11:00 a.m. all bids shall be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be submitted prior to the designated time for acceptance and opening of bids and be submitted either by mail or in person by bidder or his agent. No bids shall be accepted after the designated time.

All bids shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the name of the bidder and clearly marked "Emergency Electric Repair".

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